

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 first line please insert -- This is a Continuation Application of Serial No.: 10/013,075 filed December 10, 2001, which is presently pending. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-12, 14-16 and 23-26 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 27-31:

27. (New) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the collector tap is self-aligned.

28. (New) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the bipolar junction transistor is an NPN transistor, and wherein the collector tap is selected from an N--collector tap, an N- collector tap, an N collector tap, an N+ collector tap, and an N++ collector tap.

29. (New) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the bipolar junction transistor is a PNP transistor, and wherein the collector tap is selected from a P-- collector tap, a P- collector tap, a P collector tap, a P+ collector tap, and a P++ collector tap.

30. (New) The bipolar junction transistor according to claim 13, wherein the collector tap has no doping that is different from the substrate.